

CONFRONTING THE CHALLENGE OF CHILD ABUSE CRIMES: PAST LESSONS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

December 18-19, 2008

Great Wolf Lodge

3575 North US 31 South, Traverse City, MI 49684

The Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, Child Abuse Training Services, in cooperation with the Prosecuting Attorneys Coordinating Council, the Department of Human Services (DHS), and the Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice is pleased to present this cross-professional Specialized Child Abuse Training seminar on the topic of *Confronting the Challenge of Child Abuse Crimes: Past Lessons and Future Directions*. This training will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 18, 2008 and conclude at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 19, 2008.

This seminar is designed for prosecutors, assistant prosecutors, DHS Children's Protective Services workers, and police officers who are involved with child abuse investigation or prosecution.

This seminar is packed with information from experts in the field of child abuse and neglect. On day one you will hear from **Chip St. Clair**, a Michigan child abuse survivor and author of *The Butterfly Garden*. He will share his story with you and discuss his case. In a special breakout session you will hear from Chip regarding how professionals that were involved in his case helped him, as well as what could have been done better to ensure the best outcome. This will give you the opportunity to hear from the victim and give you insight for your next case on what you might be able to do to improve it for the future of Michigan's children.

The other dynamic sessions include:

- Suspect Interviewing and Interrogation.
- Child Abuse Legal Updates.
- Working with Forensic Examiners and Presenting Digital Evidence.
- Building a Successful Multi Disciplinary Team in your County.
- Protocols Regarding Children Involved with Traffic Crimes.
- Polygraph Testing.

Please find enclosed a copy of the registration form for the seminar. Attendees are responsible for overnight accommodations, transportation, meals, and other incidental costs.

The Prosecuting Attorneys Association office must receive seminar registration forms by **Wednesday, November 26, 2008**. Registration is limited to the first 100 people, so please register early. When space at seminars is available, we welcome participation from professionals in addition to our target audience.

Overnight accommodations are available at the Great Wolf Lodge (GWL) please call (231) 941-3600 for a rate of \$65.00 single/\$99 double and \$15 per person over two. The GWL has also extended this special rate to friends and family of attendees. Please call for more information. You must mention that you are with the Prosecuting Attorneys Association to receive the special rate.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Welch at 517-334-6060, Ext. 833 or at welchj@michigan.gov.

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One form per person. Duplicate if necessary. **Please type or print clearly.**

Name: _____

Position/Title: _____

County: _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: (for seminar confirmation)

Signature

Your signature is your guarantee that you will attend the entire training.

Fax this form to 517-334-7052 at the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, Child Abuse Training Services office by Wednesday November 26, 2008. We anticipate filling quickly. To ensure a spot, please register as early as possible.

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